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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-17, please reconsider the application in light of the following:

 $\label{eq:AListing of the Claims} \mbox{ begins on page 3 of this paper. No claim amendments} \\ \mbox{ have been made hereby.}$

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

___ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	Claims Remaining	Highest Number	Number Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	17	- 20* =		\$50.00	\$0
Independent	3	- 3** =		210.00	\$0
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TOTAL					\$0

^{*}not less than 20

No additional fee is required.

In the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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